

Grange Sunday

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Saturday the 25th of April was a great, sunny, hot day and the clean-up of Camp Berger went well. Many thanks to all who came and raked leaves and cleaned out the cabins at the camp. It made the camp look good for the open house on the 17th of May. There are many new members in the Grange who have never been to Camp Barger and I hope they took advantage of the open house to see just how great our camp is.

The dinner at Winchester Grange, that followed the camp clean-up was well attended and my thanks go out to the members of Winchester Grange who gave up a

part of their Saturday to prepare it and serve us. Following the delicious dinner the Pink Sash meeting was held upstairs. I briefed those present on the program that was just completed with the Membership/Leadership director of the National Grange.

Rusty Hunt spent the previous three days in Connecticut. He completed a training session with eight persons, that began last year when I asked him to help us start a program to help struggling Granges in our state.

He did a presentation with one team on Thursday night at Wallingford Grange and a second one with another team at Hemlock Grange on Friday night. The members of both Granges were receptive to his presentations and agreed to work with the teams in the coming months to gain new members. That is the key to the

program, for the team to continue working with the Grange where they do the presentation to see that they follow through on the commitments that they make.

The officers and committees that were present reported on the activities they have planned for the rest of the year. You will be able to read about them in your Granger as they come up. I commend the officers and directors for attending as there were very few absent. This shows me and you that our leadership is strong and that they have an interest in having our Grange grow.

Two important dates for this month are Grange Sunday at Goodwill Grange Hall on the 14th of June and the New England Grange Sunday at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire on the 21st of June. Both are well worth attending and I hope many of you will join Sister Marge and me at them.

Revitalization off to a good start in Connecticut

Todd Gelineau, Pomona Deputy West

The future and growth of our Granges has been the topic of many meetings over the last several months as part of a program initiated by National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt. Last fall, State Master Sendewicz appointed two teams (East and West) to work with Granges on revitalization and growth. As part of the training for this program, Brother Hunt came to Connecticut to facilitate two meetings with two different Granges, Hemlock Grange No. 180 in Portland and Wallingford Grange No. 33.

At these meetings members look at their activities and programs and decide, with an open mind, where their Granges should go in the future.

Hemlock and Wallingford are very different. At Wallingford there is a definite need to add new members and to redistribute responsibilities from the shoulders of a few members. Their Grange also has members who primarily reside outside of the community in which their hall sits. A need to reestablish their ties to the Wallingford Community is a goal identified by the Grange.

Hemlock Grange has very strong ties to their community with their commitment to the Portland Agricultural Fair and their other programs which benefit their community. Hemlock members see a need to do a little less work and add more social activities to their schedule. Their initial meeting also resulted in two new applications for membership.

Both Granges are now working to meet the goals they identified in their first meetings. The team members are committed to attending their meetings and providing whatever assistance and guidance is necessary to help them be successful. Brother Hunt also stays in touch with their progress with regular reports provided by the teams following each meeting.

This year marks the 124th anniversary of Wallingford Grange. The celebration of this milestone was combined with their presentation of membership awards and their community citizen award. Attendance at their special meeting held on May 28 was 94. Their project in coming weeks is to approach some of the people who attended the special meeting and see if they will become new members of the Grange.

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Fresh California milk in CT?



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Several dairy farms in Connecticut have shut down and sold their cows in the past year because it is costing the farmers more to produce their milk than they can receive for it. This same situation exists in all the northeastern

states. The price farmers receive for their milk as it leaves the farm is set by the federal government, but the price farmers must pay for everything they buy is set by the market. Every time a dairy farm shuts down we have less local milk available, so more milk must be brought in from other parts of the country. Dairy farmers in California are already advertising fresh California milk in the northeast, but how long does it take for the milk to travel the 3,000 miles to Connecticut? To reduce shipping costs,

some farmers are proposing to concentrate their milk before it is shipped, then reconstitute it to whole milk by adding water when it reaches New England. Is this really fresh milk?

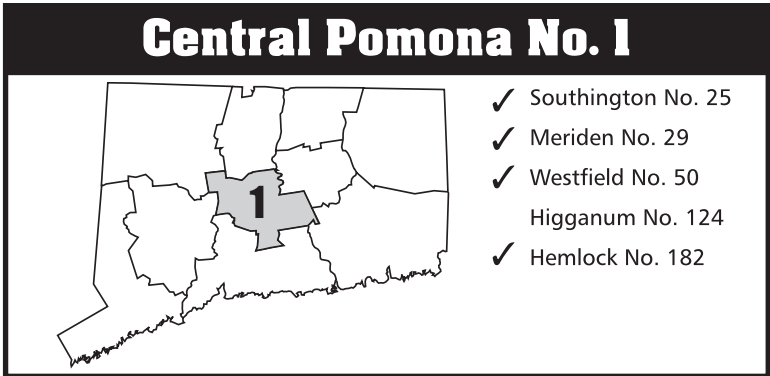
Besides providing high quality locally produced fresh milk, our dairy farms are important to our economy. According to Penn State's Center for Dairy Excellence, 85 percent of a dairy farmer's income is spent locally and each farm dollar circulates 2.5 times through the economy in what economists refer

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CENTRAL POMONA #1
Corr: Dianna Clark

Central Pomona #1 will meet on June 11 at Higganum Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. Program-Member’s Choice (Election). The meeting will be co-hosted by Hemlock Grange.

All Subordinate Granges are asked to bring three items of picnic supplies for the CWA table.

Master Carl Manning will lead the meeting. We have two new members of our Pomona. Jim Miller and Linda Mezzi and welcome them with enthusiastic activities to look forward to share with them with our Grange.

SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Lisa Lamoureux
June 8: Election of Officers
June 22: Summer Picnic/Neighbor’s Night

Greetings from Southington Grange!!! Can you believe that Spring has sprung!!! It seems that the grass is growing so fast these days, the garden needs to be tilled and planted along with the flowers that need to be planted. With so much going on, we might forget about the Grange. Don’t forget that the Grange halls need sprucing up this time of year also. We have been busy here in Southington. Our presentation by the Recovery Wing drew approximately 40 people and was very informative. We are trying to have them back in the fall and if so, we will let you know. We also held our annual Pasta Dinner for the Scholarship Fund with the Southington Redmen. Everyone

enjoyed themselves, John Gill did an amazing job at preparing the food and the hard work between our organizations made the dinner a success once again.

On May 11, Southington Grange will have its evaluation done by Dan Lauttenabach. We will omit the meeting on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Don’t forget to attend your town parades!!!

Then on June 8 we have our election of officers. Everyone should participate in some capacity. We know that everyone has ideas and they should put those ideas to work, no matter how small they might be. Remember, you get what you put into the Grange. On June 22, we will have our picnic. Everyone is cordially invited and we would hope that you would like to take a drive. More information will follow in next month’s edition or you can call any member of Southington Grange.

As always, our doors are open for anyone and everyone who would like to join us for a meeting. Remember we meet on the 2 and 4 Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (at the Southington Grange Hall located at the corners of Summit Avenue and Knowles Avenue in the Plantsville Section of Southington.

MERIDEN GRANGE #29
Corr: Dianna Clark

June 12: Flag Day
June 26: Summer Vacations
July 10: Picnic
Aug. 14: Picnic

The third Saturday of the month of April we had a Pot Roast Dinner from 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. We canceled our First and

Second Degrees. We were planning on sharing with Hemlock on their special program April 25th.

On the second Saturday of May we planned a Meatloaf Dinner at 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

We planned a nice appreciation for all mothers and grandmothers on May 8. Our Chaplain planned a nice memorial program on May 22.

On June 12 we plan to have flags respected and honored.

On June 26 we have a program on summer vacations and fun events to look forward to for all of us.

We are glad to welcome Jim Miller and Linda Mezza into the Fifth Degree of Central Pomona. Congratulations!

WESTFIELD GRANGE #50
Corr: Phyllis Redford

June 4: “Oh You Beautiful Babies” Inspection
July 16: Picnic
Aug. 20: Picnic

Our June 4th meeting will present ideas to make the hot, humid days of summer more enjoyable. Some summer solutions are free of charge, just requiring some thought and common sense. Draw the shades on the south side of the house, keep out of the sun during the heat of the day, and drink lots of water. More to come later.

July and August bring the Grange annual picnics at lovely Smith Park.

HEMLOCK GRANGE #182
Corr: Maureen Sanborn

June 12: Music Night
June 26: Elections

The Connecticut Valley School of Music with

Dave K. will visit. Coffee served and refreshments will be

Grange Revitalization

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The theory behind this program is that revitalized Granges can become a catalyst for growth and revitalization for Granges surrounding them. Members from many other Granges have attended the first meetings of these Granges, so an interest in revitalization is definitely there. It is also hoped that this program will encourage the organization and reorganization of new Granges throughout the state.

This program is definitely not a “quick fix” for any Grange and the training for the members of the teams is ongoing. Jody Cameron, Todd Gelineau and Victor Salazar will represent Connecticut at the Grange Growth Summit to be held in Dubuque, Iowa June 12-14. It is designed to provide members with the tools necessary to encourage revitalization and to become better ambassadors for the Grange. In September, State Master Sendewicz and State Steward Jeff Barnes are planning on attending another Summit to be held in Virginia. Look for more articles following the Grange Growth Summit.

Fresh California milk

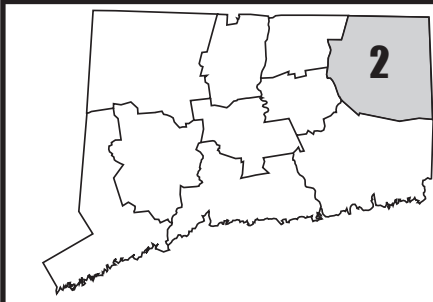
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to as a multiplier effect. Dairy farms also provide many full and part-time jobs, a valuable commodity in today’s economy. While we no longer see dairy cows in pastures, dairy farms still occupy the largers portion of our productive farmland. Today the cows stay in barns and feedlots and the farmer brings the feed to them. The cows can no longer be allowed to walk through wetlands or drink water from a brook because the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the cows pollute the water with their wastes. Today dairy farmers own or lease 31 percent of the productive farmland in the Northeast. Another 20 percent of the farmland is used to produce hay, much of which is fed to dairy cows.

Several bills have been filed in the Connecticut General Assembly and the other northeastern state legislatures to provide subsidies to the dairy farms so they can at least break even, but there is no certainty they will be passed given the budget crises in every state. The federal government is providing large grants and low cost loans to keep our American industries solvent. The Grange, along with other farm organizations, is lobbying the Congress to provide a better financial safety net for dairy farmers through the Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) program. The National Grange will hold a legislative fly-in program on May 18 and 19 where members from across the country will have an opportunity to meet with their Senators and Representatives to promote both National and State Grange programs. The Northeast delegation will promote aid to our region’s dairy farmers so we can call continue to have locally produced fresh milk available in our stores. We are not doing this just to support our dairy farmers. We are doing it to support everyone, whether they live in the country, the suburbs or our inner cities.

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Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- ✓ Senexet No. 40
- Brooklyn No. 43
- Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- Echo No. 180

SENEXET GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

June 17: Summer is Here

We had a very interesting program on raised bed gardening with a local master gardener. Our tag sale was very successful and we are having the spring pie sale as well as a Bluegrass music night.

Some yard work was done by volunteers and we are working on getting our sign back up.

EKONK COMMUNITY GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

June 1: Election of officers 7:30 p.m.

June 13: 115th annual Strawberry Supper 5-7 pm

We were thrilled with the attendance for our joint anniversary celebrations April 26th: 94 in total-Juniors to 75 year Grangers; the weather was gorgeous, all went smoothly, everyone seemed to have a great time: we know all of Ekonk did! M. Pearl Scarpino received her 75 year certificate from her nephew, Russell M. Gray. Helen Molodich was presented her 70 year seal by her son, Michael Molodich. Charles Cole received his 25 year certificate from his neice, Junior President, Katie Molodich. Charles was a Charter member of the Junior Grange as well as its first Master! Special guests in the program included Mark Twain (Colin Sebastian);

Katharine Hepburn (Katrina Sebastian) and Private James Lord of the 26th CT Infantry (Jim Thevenet). The Juniors, assisted by Cheryl Thevenet, presented a Dictionary skit; this, coupled with a speach on Ekonk's involvement, netted \$147.00 in donations for our 2009 dictionary campaign and three happy prize winners! Russell Gray, in his capacity as First Selectman of Sterling, read a proclamation naming April 26th, 2009 as "Grange Day in Sterling". This now hangs on the wall in our hall. Past Masters/Presidents of both Granges were recognized and all Golden Sheaf members present were recognized and presented bookmarks made by the Juniors. We went as a large group to Plainfield High School May 15th to enjoy "Grease". Among the cast members were Katrina Sebastian, Colin Sebastian (both Grangers at Ekonk) and Brooke Price, grandson of Golden Sheaf Grangers Alton & Marie Exley.

We changed our By-Laws, making for annual elections again; we have so many youth who quickly go away to College, one-year terms will offer them better opportunities to achieve the rank of President before College "calls".

Many of you found your way to Ekonk April 26th: remember, our door is always OPEN!

Ekonk Grange celebrates 120 years and Ekonk Jr. celebrates 30 years



Members of Ekonk Junior Grange present a "Dictionary Skit." Over \$147.00 was raised for the project this year. L to R: Andrew Molodich, Christopher Sebastian, Ben Cousens, Carly Sebastian and Jaimie Cameron.



Above - Brandi Hawkins "Hoops it Up" at the Ekonk Grange celebration. Left- Jim Thevenet portrays Private James Lord of the CT 26th Infantry from the Civil War era.

You are invited to join TeamSpeak

Inviting all members of New Granges, all reorganized Granges and all Granges that have participated in a revitalization program, in the past year, to a TeamSpeak seminar on the last Thursday of each month at 8 P.M.

State Masters are also invited to participate. Please forward this information to your new or reorganized Community Granges and to any Granges that have participated in your revitalization program.

The goal of this monthly TeamSpeak seminar is to give new members pointers on ways to build their Grange. We also want to introduce them to some of the resources available to them and their Grange.

If you have any questions, please email eluttrell@nationalgrange.org.



For complete instructions for downloading the software and logging on to the program, please visit the following site: <http://www.nationalgrange.org/TeamSpeakInstructions.pdf>

See you on the internet!!!

Hospice volunteer training program offered

Do you want to make a difference? Change your life while adding quality care to our hospice patients. Become a Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice volunteer! Volunteers are needed to visit hospice patients, provide respite for weary caregivers, be a listening ear, assist with bereavement or spiritual support, share gifts of music or art, visit as a registered pet therapy team, or help with clerical projects.

Free training to become a hospice volunteer will be held soon. Evening training will be held in our East Hartford

office, 111 Founders Plaza, East Hartford, CT. This training covers: the history and philosophy of hospice, the role of the volunteer, clinical aspects of dying, communication skills, family dynamics, issues of spirituality and religion, and grief and bereavement.

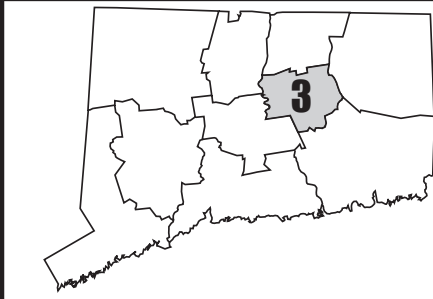
For more information on how YOU can make a difference in the lives of those in your community please call:

John Roush, Volunteer Coordinator
Masonicare Partners Home Health & Hospice
860-528-5195 or 860-290-6737



**Deadline for
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East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87
- ✓ Marlborough No. 205

EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

Corr: John Waterhouse

June 6: Regular Meeting - 7:30 P.M.

East Central Pomona #3 will meet on Saturday, June 6- 7:30 P.M. in Good Will Grange Hall. The Lecturer will present a program entitled "Hints and Helps"- at this meeting we will elect one member of the Executive Committee for a three year term. We are still accepting donations for our front doors.

Wishing you all a peaceful, restful summer season- see you in September.

GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

Corr: Kathryn Ruff

June 4: Election of Officers - 7:30 P.M.

July 2: Happy Fourth - 7:30 P.M.

July 9: Mystery Ride- 11 A.M.- Box Lunch

As I am writing this it is the end of April. We are making the final plans for our Power Point Program to be held on May 16th. We are anxious for it to be a wonderful evening and secure 5 to 10 new members.

June 4th is Election of Officers and we are looking forward to electing some of our newer members into some of the offices.

We are host to the June 6th meeting of East Central Pomona at Good Will Grange Hall, at 7:30 P.M. Our Grange activities will be slowing down for the summer. The Pomona judging for the CWA contests will be on July 11th at Good Will Hall. Then the State Grange "Let's Celebrate" day is July 25th at Good Will Hall. I wish all a wonderful spring.

COVENTRY GRANGE #75

Corr: Ethel Harris

June 4: Red, White & Blue, Ref. N. Miller

June 18: Smell the Roses, Ref. W. Miller

Has spring finally sprung? As I write this article it is a memorable heat wave-- 84° in April! All the trees show signs of new birth. Tulips, daffodils and forsythia are in full bloom- truly a new beginning. Never be fooled by an early spring. My mother always said the peep frogs had to be frozen in three times before it was safe to plant gardens (old Yankee!).

On May 15 we delivered our 142 dictionaries to the G.H. Robertson School. The teachers are looking forward to this. Remarks from last year's third graders were so favorable.

We're working on new members- hope they come through.

Come visit us anytime- we'd love to see you- 7:30 P.M. prevailing time.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita J. Schaefer

June 11: "Your Vote Counts" (Election of Officers)

June 13: Baked Chicken & Strawberry Shortcake Dinner

June 23: "We Honor Thee" (Award Night) Refr. All members.

July 9: Picnic in the Garden; Ref. All members

I guess spring has arrived but did we have to have rain to spoil the spring flowers? I guess the farmers can start their fields for planting if some of them have already prepared their fields and seeds.

We have been busy with our community projects. Cookies have been sent to Iraq which the boys enjoy sharing with others. A couple of our members helped with delivering food baskets to the needy. We sent 12 Easter baskets to the homeless shelter for the children. Now we will start working on some more crafts for the fairs.

Have been busy keeping in touch with the shut-ins of which all are progressing. Sister Stella had a serious fall and will be laid up for months. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We had our Western Night and it was well attended. Music was great.

Our Chicken Dinner will be coming up and it's open to anyone on June 13th. Reservations should be made by calling 860-568-6828.

The time for the dinner is 6:00 P.M. and it is served family style.

I guess there isn't any more for this column just sit back and watch the gardens grow and wait for the harvest of vegetables.

MARLBOROUGH GRANGE #205

Corr: Ruth Posuniak

June 4: Grange Meeting Time: 11: AM - Marlborough Congregational Church Youth Rm., Election of Officers - Program: Real or Artificial - Plant Swap, Ref: Men in Charge

Open House Meeting was held on Friday May 15th. Three Scholarship

Awards were given: Second Year Scholarship was awarded to Austin Grabber of Lebanon. Kelley J Misorski of East Hampton and Brian Piccarello of Bolton were both selected to receive a \$1,000. to be deposited in each of the college accounts upon notification from each student's college.

It is hoped that all are working on the CWA Cats Meow Contests. The judging will be next month.

Glastonbury presents throws to Gilmore Manor



Queria Sullivan, a member of Glastonbury Grange, is shown presenting to Theresa, a resident of Gilmore Manor, with one of 10 throws made by Glastonbury Grange members. An additional 12 throws will be made and delivered in the fall to the Manor so that each resident will have their own.

State Secretary



Edith Schoell
State Secretary

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Summer is around the corner. Grange elections have taken place, for the most part, and ideas and plans are being made for the future of our Granges. I have sent forms to the Secretaries for the Directory. If you would like your email listed please be sure to let your secretary

know in order that it may be included on the form.

I hope you are planning to attend Grange Sunday, June 14th at 11 A.M. at Good Will Grange. The Youth will offer lunch at a reasonable cost, and the afternoon program at 1 P.M. will be the talent and A Number Contests. It will be a fun day!

Several have requested scholarship information and hopefully we will have more applying this year. Every little bit helps when school supplies are so expensive.

Be sure to put Let's Celebrate on your calendar for July 25th.

It will be another day to enjoy fellowship and fun. Hope to see you there!

Thank you!

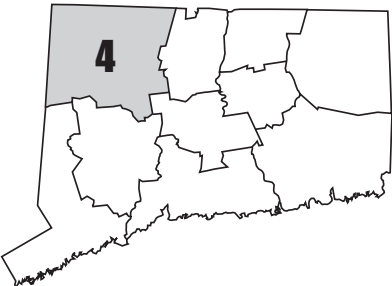
April 21st, Henry was told that his Cancer is in remission and that there would be no need of any further surgery at this time. He continues to walk with the help of his walker, two hours daily, yet he continues to rely on his wheelchair. He has gone back to Grove Gardens once a week for 2-3 hours to work around the nursery, yet from his wheelchair where he can plant bulbs, plants, clean plants, etc.. It is good for the Soul!

Again thank you for your cards, thoughts & prayers!

Faternally,

Henry & Barbara Kulisch, Jr.

Mountain County Pomona No. 4



Hope No. 20

Whigville No. 48

Eureka No. 62

✓ Winchester No. 74

Taghannuck No. 100

✓ Litchfield No. 107

Beacon No. 118

✓ Riverton No. 169

MOUNTAIN CTY. POMONA #4

Corr: Todd Gelineau
June 22: “Duty Calls,” Election of Officers, Spring Gift Drawing- Whigville Grange Hall

Mountain County Pomona mourns with the members of Winchester Grange on the loss of Brother Girard “Jerry” Lemieux who passed away in early May. Jerry will long be remembered for his dedication to Camp Berger and Winchester Grange. At the time of his passing he was Steward of the Pomona. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

The Fifth Degree was conferred for one new member of Whigville Grange at the May 11 meeting. It was our pleasure to again have Pomona Deputy East Jim Palmer and Quinebaug Pomona Deputy Pat Palmer present for the inspection. Our thanks go to the kitchen staff of Winchester Grange for preparing a delicious Ham Dinner prior to the meeting.

One last meeting will be held before our Summer break on Monday, June 22 at Whigville Grange Hall. It has been quite some time since we last met at Whigville and we know they are excited to host Pomona. This meeting will

be our Election of Officers and will also feature the Spring Gift Drawing. Tickets are in all of the Granges and most of the officers have them as well. Tickets are \$1.00 each. We remind everyone who has tickets to please return them with the money on or before June 22. They can be brought directly to the meeting at Whigville or they can be returned to any officer or member planning on attending the meeting.

WINCHESTER GRANGE #74
Corr: Todd Gelineau

June 9: Election, Yea or Nay?, Ref. Shirley Lemieux

June 21: Strawberry Festival (Father’s Day), 2:30 to sell out

June 23: Polly Wolly Doodle- CWA Program, Ref. Arline Cote

Like all Granges and organizations lately, Winchester Grange has been looking at new and different ways to raise money for the upkeep of our hall and to fund our programs. Our first attempt at a “new” event was a Pasta Supper in December. It did turn a smallprofit, but this money was not in proportion to the effort required. The second event was a “Super Prize Party.” This is a concept tried many years ago in Winchester.

It was highly successful then, but very grand in its scope. For those that don’t know, a Super Prize Party is basically a Country Store or Teacup Auction with many of the same types of items you would find on a Country Store at a Grange meeting with the exception of a number of “Super Prizes” that have a much higher value. What’s great about this event is that it can be held on a Friday evening and can be over and done within 3 hours. As with all Grange events, light refreshments were also made available. The money made from this one Prize Party was greater than what we had made in the past holding two of our Chicken Dinners. Needless to say, planning is now underway for a second Super Prize Party to be held on Friday, September 25. Please join us-- it’s a lot of fun!

We will hold our annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 21 so “Take Dad Out for Dessert” for Father’s Day. No need to have dinner plans this day as the Shortcake is meal-sized and more than satisfying! In addition to the shortcake, a craft sale will also be held in the upper meeting hall beginning at noon. Both the sale and the Festival will run until we run out of shortcake, so come early!

Winchester has lost one of its most beloved and dedicated members of its Grange family with the passing of Brother Girard “Jerry” Lemieux in early May. Brother

Jerry was a Golden Sheaf member, Past Master and best remembered as a model Assistant Steward, one that many have called the best in the State. Every inch of Winchester Grange Hall and Camp Berger (of which he was a long-standing Trustee) have received his loving care through the years. A standing-room- only Memorial Service was held for Jerry at Winchester Grange Hall on Thursday, May 14- no place would have been more appropriate for his friends and family to gather and remember him. Our sympathy goes out to his family and friends, especially our Chaplain Shirley Lemieux and his son, Overseer Craig Leifert on their loss. Winchester Grange meetings will never be quite the same without Jerry answering the Roll Call of Officers with his signature “YO!”

LITCHFIELD GRANGE #107
Corr: Sara Lee Fischer

On April 23 we celebrated our Citizen of the Year. The evening began with a fabulous Roast Beef Dinner by Chef Janet Healy with help and table settings by the CWA.

Retired teacher Doug Parker was our recipient. Doug taught for 30 years and is a local volunteer for many organizations (i.e. Economic Development Commission, Litchfield Education Foundation, Litchfield Community Center, Children’s Fund, Soccer Club, Tri-Town Youth Baseball, Area Business Association and

the American Red Cross). Somehow Doug found the time with wife Denise to raise a fine family.

Entertainment by soloist Dominique Rivers, a senior at Litchfield High and granddaughter of Sister Barbara Rivers. Dominique is a truly talented young lady who will be continuing her education in music.

Work is still continuing for our Flea Market and tables are still available.

RIVERTON GRANGE #169
Corr: Gail Prelli

Riverton Grange is sprucing up for spring. On Saturday, May 9th, seven grangers met at Riverton Grange Hall for a cleaning party. Much was accomplished with many hands in just a few hours. Another sprucing-up day will be planned as several members wanted to help, but had other plans that day. Window sills and windows sparkle. The light covers were all washed and the ceilings cleared of cobwebs. The hood over the stove was cleaned and sanitized while the cupboards and appliances were scrubbed. The front porch, entry way and wood floor of the hall were cleaned of the winter sand that gets tracked in by everyone. The crew felt great about the work accomplished during this initial session and plans to reconvene soon.

Riverton Grange has a regular meeting on Friday, June 5th. The meeting begins at 7:30. Join us on the 19th for a potluck supper at 6:30 followed by an open meeting and talk on the railroad.

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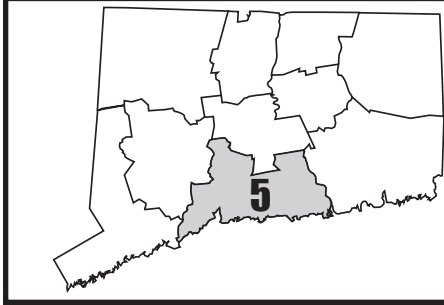


NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new Grange members:

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| Phoebe Ahern | Glastonbury #26 |
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| Reino Hyypa | Glastonbury #26 |
| William Kean | Glastonbury #26 |
| Amanda Kean | Glastonbury #26 |
| Vern Bailey | Stonington #168 |

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- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Totoket No. 83
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

**NEW HAVEN COUNTY
POMONA #5**

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
Aug. 24: 6 P.M. Picnic-Dinner at 6:30. Carl and Marge Bernhardt, 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire.

CHESHIRE GRANGE #23

Corr: Charleen Dimmick
July 1: Omit
July 15: 6 P.M., Picnic. Dinner at 6:30. Carl and Marge Bernhardt, 424 Cedar Lane, Cheshire
Aug. 5: Omit
Aug. 19: Ice Cream Social

At our first meeting in April two couples, Lu and Kent Marshall and Jeff and Andrea Dunn, presented a program of ballroom dancing. Twelve different genres of Ballroom Dancing were shown.

At our second meeting in April, we had a most interesting presentation about bobcats in Connecticut.

**WALLINGFORD GRANGE
#33**

Wallingford Grange has been working very hard with the new Revitalization Team to add new members and to grow for the future. The first step in the process was a meeting with National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt. At this meeting, the Grange identified goals that were needed to both increase membership and to reestablish the Grange in its community.

The most obvious way to begin the process was to work on an Open Meeting planned for May 28th. 2009 marks the 124th anniversary of the organization of Wallingford, so the celebration of that milestone was combined

with the presentation of membership certificates and the annual Community Citizen Award. 69 non-members and 25 Grange members for a total of 94 crowded the hall that evening. Many of them came to honor David A. Gessert, who was chosen to receive the Community Citizen Award for his untiring efforts in local and state government. Janet Haller also received her Golden Sheaf Certificate in recognition of 50 years of continuous Grange membership. Many in attendance spoke highly of the Grange and especially of the night's honoree, including the Mayor of Wallingford who chose to sing and play his original musical tribute on his guitar.

The task in coming weeks will be to maintain their momentum and to get some of those people in attendance on May 28 to now join the Grange.

**NORTH HAVEN GRANGE
#35**

Corr: A. Tolette
June 2: Surprise Night
We "survived" the evaluation by Deputy Dan Lauttenbach. When he was here he presented Betty Creamer with her Silver Star (25 yr.) Certificate.

In May we will present several membership awards: A 25 year certificate to Carolyn Perry, 40 year seal to Ruth McCall, Anne C. Neubig and Anthony Valentino and A Golden Sheaf to Lucille Z. Hamilton. Congratulations to all.

Now that Spring is here we hope that our attendance will perk up.

TOTOKET GRANGE #83

Corr: Marion Bradley

July 14: Citizen of the Year Award

The award for Citizen of the Year will be presented to Mary Caruso, mother of two daughters who had Friedreich's Ataxia, a very disabling condition. Her daughters have succeeded in their college goals despite the challenges they have had to face the disabling illness.

Mary Caruso and the girls faced the challenges together. The mother was the founder of a research organization that seeks to find treatments and/or a cure for the disease. This year Mary overcame many personal fears to meet the challenge of a 200 mile bicycle trip to raise money for the Friederich's Ataxia Research Alliance. She trained for months for the journey. Her daughters are proud of their mother's accomplishment.

The meeting and program will be open to the public and any interested people are welcome to attend. Things will get underway by 7:30 P.M., as far as the meeting/program is concerned. If you have any questions, you may call Marcia Richardson who is in charge of the "Citizen of the Year" or Marion Bradley.

OLD LYME GRANGE #162

Corr: Barbara Kulisch
June 12: Father's Day
June 26: Complete Program--"As American As Apple Pie"--Patriotic

We celebrated Grange Month on Sunday, the 19th of April, when State Master, Robert Sendewicz presented a 50 year certificate to Sis. Genevieve Pernal. He also presented 25 year certificates to Ethel Chatkin, Norman Emerson & to our Master, M. Ross Stands. The Old Lyme Historical District Commission dedicated the plaque that names our building the Old Lyme Gun Club, established 1885 & relocated in 1928 to its present site. A great time was had by all who attended!

CWA night found our hall full of visitors, including the CWA Director Betty Jane Gardner & 2 of her committee. We had 8 entries in the Cupcake bake off. The CWA program was presented & we held a country store that will go towards the CWA donations for this year. We have collected

10 pairs of Pajama's & our bags were made & donated to us by Lois Evankow of Lyme Grange #147!

We are all keeping busy with CWA projects, Community Service work in our respective towns.




Our Evaluation will be held at the June 26th meeting with our Deputy, Dan Lauttenbach.

Wallingford Grange



(Above) David A. Gessert receives Wallingford Grange's Community Citizen Award from Master Dan Lauttenbach. Also pictured is State Youth Comm. member J. Allen Cameron serving as A.S. (Below) State Master Bob Sendewicz presents Janet B. Haller with her Golden Sheaf Certificate for 50 years of Grange membership as State Pomona Jodi Ann Cameron looks on.









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NEW LONDON COUNTY
POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller
June 11: Stonington Grange - Identity Theft-How to Prevent It

We are looking forward to learning how to prevent identity theft on Thursday, June 14 at Stonington Grange. Hope to see a big crowd there.

Our Pomona was well represented at Camp Berger for the annual cleanup. The leaves were raked or blown away in short order, and our cabin seems to have survived the winter with fewer than the usual number of four-legged guests.

On June 14 we travel to Good Will Grange. Ron Purinton and Dan Mutchler will represent us in the talent contest; and Gene Bromley, Jeff Barnes and Nancy Weissmuller will perform a skit for A. Number.

Master Dan Mutchler, a member of the State Agricultural Committee, has visited all nine Granges in our Pomona to deliver the sunflower seeds for the state “Grow A Sunflower Contest.” Sunflower heads will be brought to Pomona for judging in the fall, with first and second place winners going to State Session in October.

Please come to Pomona

At Stonington in June
Whoever wins the quilt that night

Will sing a happy tune.

COLCHESTER GRANGE #78
Corr: Joan Toomey

June 8: Volunteers Giving Back; All About Fireflies, 7:00 P.M.

Well, I had to go to South Carolina to warm up in April but finally we are

getting some nice warm weather and sunshine in New England. We will be doing some work at an almost forgotten landmark in my town’s history. “The Olde Town Pound” just down from the center on the left hand side of W. Main St. (Rte. 66 West). We have a nice odd circle of stone walls that form our common pound to hold errant cattle and livestock until reclaimed by their owners.

In April we celebrated Grange Month at the library and May had us busy with our annual float for Memorial Day. June looks busy as well. Come on out to Colchester and visit when you can, and come to our Tag Sale on the green where the Grangers will have a booth.

NORTH STONINGTON COMM. GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy Weissmuller
June 12: “Cats” Election of Officers

June 26: “A Swingin’ Summer 1965” Picnic at 6:30 followed by games

The ladies had the program on April 10, and an enjoyable program it was, with music, games, prizes and laughs. Ron Purinton and Dan Mutchler joined us in the fun. After the meeting the ladies were treated to a magnificent repast replete with candlelight, flowers and music. Jason Miner, ably assisted by Andy Rauch (and Cheree), headed the committee who planned the feast.

Over fifty people crowded the hall to celebrate our Community Citizen, Gladys Walter and the recipients of seals and certificates. State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt and husband

Carl were on hand to assist. “This Is Your Life Gladys” included skits and kudos in her honor. Gene Bromley presented his sister, Cecile McGrath with her 55 year seal and Richard White received his 60 year seal. Not present but honored were: Grace Miner 55, Ruth Senior 60, Ralph Main and Elizabeth Moran 70, and Kristine and Robert Shaubunia 25.

Our annual picnic is always lots of fun. The Grange provides hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee and soda. Please bring a dish to share and all the children and grandchildren. Sue always has lots of games and prizes for the young set. And if that woodpecker who insists on drilling for bugs on the side of my house doesn’t bring it tumbling down around me, next time I’ll tell you ‘bout merry May.

LYME GRANGE #147
Corr: Dick Chapman

June 4: Election of Officers

July 2: Retiring in Florida

Those pajamas just keep on coming! Latest count is 35 for the CWA’s Cat Nap project... and bags to put them in. Thanks to Lois. Word has been received that every needlework category will have entries and more memory books are in the works. CWA’s 50¢ table at most meetings has created much interest.

Sunflower seeds for the agricultural contest have been planted in Lyme’s wonderful soil.

More “Cat’s Meow” quotes: “Dogs eat, cats dine.” (Ann Taylor).

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can’t get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.” (Jeff Valdez).

STONINGTON GRANGE #168

Corr: Jeff Barnes

We welcome as new member, Vern Bailey, to Stonington Grange. Verne has a great interest in the Grange.

June 11 - Stonington Grange will meet at 7 PM for a short business meeting. We host New London County Pomona at 7:30 that evening.

July 16 is our annual healthy and enjoyable picnic at 6 PM. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring a dish to share.

In August we will be doing a bit of vacationing! Wishing all a very summer!

Everything old is new again!

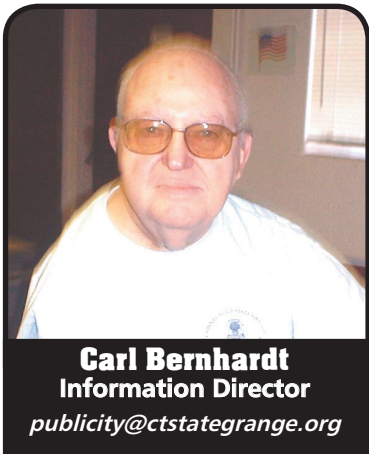
“In recent months we have faced serious problems. Some of these problems have been serious enough to set liberty loving people thinking. Without a doubt we will be facing still more serious problems and decisions during the coming year. The Grange during this period must be strong and firm.”

“For some reason or other the trend of the times seems to be moving toward the unreal and the visionary. Millions of people, it seems, are beginning to believe that everybody can live off of the government. Ideas presented in many instances are so far from the things we believe in that it has become alarming. The cost of these combined ideas is tremendous and we are beginning to wonder when the tax burden will end. Even more serious than the cost of these programs is the control by government that is bound to go along with them.”

The above was taken from the Overseer’s report at the National Grange session in 1949 at Sacramento, California.

Now is a good time to work on resolutions to be forwarded for our State Session in October.

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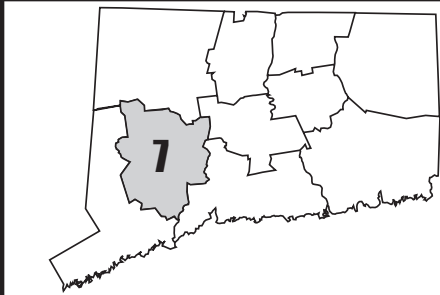
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Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

Corr: Mary Dubay

June 17: Meeting

Excelsior Pomona will meet on June 17, 2009 at Wolcott Grange Hall at 7:30 P.M. This will be Election of Officers and all members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Excelsior Pomona does not meet in the months of July and August, so we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

Corr: Joanne Cipriano

By the time you read this, our Grange 120th anniversary will be just a memory. We thank everyone who came to help us celebrate and hope they had a good time. We look forward to our next anniversary.

Our June 12th meeting has been changed to June 5. This is an important meeting as it is our Election of Officers. Refreshments will be in charge of Diane and Victor Godin. Officers planning meeting will be held on June 26.

We wish all our Grange fathers and very happy and enjoyable Father's Day.

BETHLEHEM GRANGE #121

Corr: Linda Coad

June 22: 7:30 P.M., Summer Program, Ref. Shirley Petrillo

July 27: 7:30 P.M., Hot Enough! Ref. Evelyn Maddox

One of our State CWA projects is collecting new children's pajamas in a cloth drawstring bag with toothbrush and paste, for kids in need. If you can donate a set or an item or two, please bring them to a meeting or contact Eloise Osuch.

WATERTOWN GRANGE

#122

Corr: Mary Dubay

June 4: Election of Officers

June 19: Neighbor's Night

In June we have Father's Day and we wish a Happy Day to all the Dads, also Flag Day. Fly the flags for our troops overseas, and the start of the summer season.

Our first meeting in June is Election of Officers. All members are urged to attend this meeting. The program for the evening is called Deal or No Deal. Sounds like fun.

Our second meeting will be the planning of the handbook which will be at 7:00 P.M. followed by our regular meeting at 7:30 P.M. The program for the evening is Hawaiian Luau and is Neighbor's Night.

We had our Evaluation of our Grange by Deputy Jean Meehan on April 17. Remarks by the Deputy, all books in order and all Chairmen handed in their reports. Also enjoyed the program for the evening.

As part of our Community Service we made a monetary donation to the Greater Waterbury Campership Fund for underprivileged Children and also to the Camp Berger Campership Fund.

Come and visit with us when you have time. We love company.

BRIDGEWATER GRANGE #153

Corr: Chris Shook

Yipes! What a relief to swap the snow shovels for the garden rakes again!

To welcome spring our Grange had a roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 4th, with a turnout of 16 people and Billy in charge. A great big thank you to all who participated.

On April 6 and 13 our

Grange hosted the AARP Senior Driver Refresher Course with a sizable class attending for those over 50 years of age.

On Saturday, April 11 we saw the Grange Easter Bunnies out distributing Easter eggs throughout the recreation center picnic area for a 10 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt for kids up to 10 years of age. Hot coffee and a yummy was available for adults attending.

Our Grange's annual Community Service Award Dinner took place on Friday, April 24th. This year's award went to Pracilla Orvis, who through many hardships of her own, has done so many kindnesses for others in our community.

On May 9th our first of the season Roast Beef Dinner will be served at 5:30 and 6:30 P.M. Adults \$12.00 and kids under 12 years are \$5.00.

We welcome Rose Mary Woolridge and Mr. Massio into our membership.

Our annual inspection was also in May and our annual Mystery Ride and Picnic are in July.

OXFORD GRANGE #194

Corr: Phil Rowland

June 5: Vacations- Bring pictures of past vacations to show

June 19: Picnic at 6:30 p.m.

June 20: Tag Sale

If good intentions count we are doing well. Our recent Community Citizen Award Night was well attended, enjoyable, but alas, the guest of honor, the manager of the local hardware store, was unable to attend. Had a minor event- a wedding in the family- to attend instead. Happily, other honorees were present to accept their Grange Service awards.

Inspection Night went smoothly and we were pleased to have visitors from Lyme Grange in attendance.

Both of June's planned meetings sound inviting, so please consider yourself invited!

Beacon Valley Grange celebrates 120 years



Past Voting Delegate and member of the National Exec. Comm. F. Philip Prelli, presents Robert Burns (left) and Robert Behlman with their 65 year seals as J. Allen Cameron looks on.

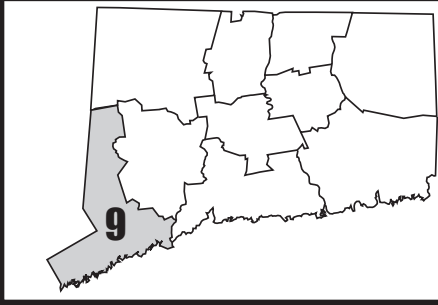


Joseph Bucciaglia receives the Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of his untiring work for Habitat for Humanity from State Lecturer Marge Bernhardt.



State Overseer Jody Cameron and Mrs. Bucciaglia help Scouts demonstrate all a broken down Chevy needs are a couple of "nuts." The meeting celebrated 120 years of Grange in Naugatuck with over 110 people in attendance.

Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



✓ Redding No. 15

Harmony No. 92

Greenfield Hill No. 133

Trumbull No. 134

✓ Norfield No. 146

✓ Cannon No. 152

FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

Corr: Karen Macdonald

June is a time for growth and graduation, what a combination! Thank you to ALL who helped with the Annual Pomona Tag Sale this year in May, it truly was a group effort with all Granges pitching in for Tag Sale items, bake sale, snack bar and publicity/promotion. It feels good to work together on a worthy project. Our next gathering is on June 3 for our Dairy Pot Luck Supper, call for details. Hope to see you soon at Grange Sunday!

REDDING GRANGE #15
Corr: Marge Sendewicz
June 8: CWA Night
June 22: Election of Officers
July 13: Grange Picnic 6:30 P.M.

Is it hot yet? It seems like this weather is never going to warm up. Bob and I just returned from Nashville, Tn., where we attended our granddaughters high school graduation. We spent a wonderful long weekend and the girls are getting bigger every time we see them.

The members of Redding Grange wish to thank all who attended our spring fair last month. You helped to make it a success. If you noticed that Bob and I were not there it was because we were in N.J. celebrating our nieces First Holy Communion. Our family is really spread out now.

We are ready at Redding Grange now to get to work. As you see above we have some important meetings coming up. CWA night is always a fun night at Redding as are most nights. On the 22nd we

have the important task of electing our officers. We take this duty seriously as those we choose will lead us for the rest of the year. Enjoy the rest of spring and we will catch up with many of you in our travels.

NORFIELD GRANGE #146
Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox
June 9; Flag Day, Election of Officers
July 14: Fourth of July, Music Night, Third Degree
It's hard to believe that it is time for the Election of Officers again! Please join us on June 9 for this very important component of our Grange affairs. It's not too early to begin thinking about our September Fair, either. The months are passing quickly.

Twenty-nine Grangers and their families sat down to a Neighbors' Night feast on April 14. Along with the Country Store we were treated to some hilarious skits set up by Randy Miller. The four Kimberlys were the star performers, with their impromptu reading of the scripts. And it was good to have Clark Hanford back. He hasn't completely healed from his motorcycle accident, however. Here's to a complete recovery, and soon, Clark!

CANNON GRANGE #152
Corr: Don Offinger
July 2: Summer Picnic at the Grange Hall (6 P.M.) Bring a dish to pass- followed by short business meeting.
July 16: Summer Picnic at the Grange Hall (6 P.M.) Bring a dish to pass- followed by short business meeting.
Aug. 6: Summer Picnic

at the Grange Hall (6 P.M.) Bring a dish to pass- followed by short business meeting.

Aug. 30: 77th Annual Agricultural Fair, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Our 110th Anniversary celebration which was held on Saturday evening, May 2, was enjoyed by many of our members, friends and representatives of state and local government, and our State President and Treasurer! Many thanks to our dinner committee (Michelle McDonald, Doug Shepherd and AJ Lucas) plus our entertainment of a Silent Movie (Buster Keaton) provided by John Mucci at the piano. A wonderful time of conversation, a delicious dinner and marking a hallmark milestone of 110 years. We are the oldest organization in town that is still in existence (and meeting in the same location), aside from churches and schools. We are certainly proud of our heritage and our longevity.

We are delighted to share the news of the birth of Samantha Mia DeNovellis, newborn daughter of members Renee and Michael DeNovellis. Samantha was born in the early hours of May 3. Congratulations.

We're planning an exciting line-up of exhibits and activities for our 77th annual Agricultural Fair. This year's event will be Sunday, August 30th, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. We look forward to welcoming visiting Grangers from across the state! We'll have live entertainment throughout the day, wonderful exhibits of animals, baked goods, crafts, flowers and vegetables, sewing, photography and eggs.

Winners of the banana cupcake recipe in the Grange Baking Contest were Mary Offinger (first), Karen Tartell (second) and Betty Miller (third). Everyone enjoyed taste-testing the entries following the judging

and announcement of the winners. Recently, Cannon Grange accepted a membership in the local Chamber of Commerce. Already we are reaping the benefits of this membership, and holding several Chamber events at our hall. It is a great way to have the public

see our building and to generate new members from the community. Please note our meeting schedule, and plan to join us for a meeting. We'll be looking for you at our Fair on Aug. 30. Visiting Patrons are always welcome- won't you join us?

State Lecturer




Why I Joined The Grange
By Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme Grange #162
"My Grange journey started when I was five and my Grandmother was Juvenile Matron. I graduated into the Subordinate Grange at the age of fourteen when my Father was Master. My Mother and her sister instilled in me the Ritualism. I cherish my forty-six years of "Grange Family" friendships!"

Have you written your Essay yet this year. There is no time like the present to get started. It isn't as hard as you may think. And, this year you get 100 words instead of the 50 we had in the past. This year's title is "What The Grange Means to Me". And while you are at it, why not write a letter to a service man or woman in harms way. If you don't have an address, send it to me and I will send it over along with others. Many of these go to Chaplains who distribute them to those who do not receive mail from home. It is hard to believe that soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines can be sent to Iraq and Afghanistan for a year or more and never receive mail from home – but it happens. Let's do our part to let them know we care.

Now is a great time of year to get outside and take pictures. You don't need a fancy new digital camera to enter our Photo Contest. I still use film in my camera. You can too. More on the photo contest next month.

I'm getting out again. I was in four different Pomonas in four days a week ago ---See you around the State.

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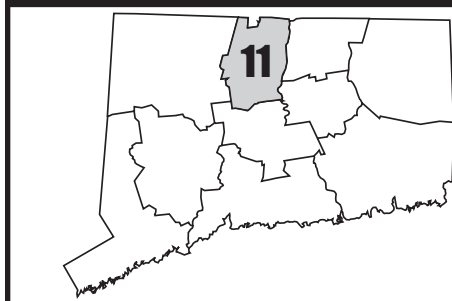
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GRANBY GRANGE #5

Corr: Vivian C. Shaw

June 4: Surprise Program for every member an item.

June 18: Open Meeting, 7:30 P.M. 4H Program after 25 and 50 year awards. Dairy Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M.

June 27: Public Setback Card Party at 7:00 P.M.

April 18, Deputy Doris Shaw came for our evaluation. We were also happy to see Camp Berger Trustee Linea Erickson and Farmington Valley Pomona Lady Asst. Steward Maggie Schofield.

Shirley Stulpin gave an interesting talk about the oldest stone house in Guilford, Connecticut.

TUNXIS GRNAGE #13

Corr: Pam Covington

Due to members not being at home and other reasons, our April meeting was not scheduled until April 29th. We were happy to see an increase in attendance and want to keep it happening.

Our program was about "The Good Old Days." It was interesting to hear about how we would all enjoy rides with horses, but the number that used to be in New York City,

along with pigs and other animals, did not make it a pleasant place to live!

We are not sure when our meetings will be so if anyone is interested in coming to visit, please check with Master Doris Shaw to see when it will be!

WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

Corr: Pam Covington

June 9: Roses are Red-Memorial Program

West Suffield Grange had their April 14th meeting at Academy Hall. We were pleased that we had a good turnout at our first meeting back at the Grange Hall!

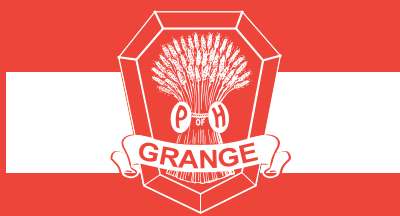
The program was based on Easter as it was just two days after, and everyone enjoyed the "Easter Riddles" that were in the program. Our members had a good laugh over them!

We discussed our Evaluation with Deputy Doris Shaw on May 12. At 6:30 we will have a potluck supper, and the meeting is at 7:30. We always look forward to Sister Doris coming to visit us.

We hope all our Moms had a Happy Mother's Day!

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There are visual signs of deficiencies of the different minerals in plants which show up in the organs of the plant, including the roots. Nitrogen, phosphorous and magnesium always begin at the bottom of the

plant leaves and work upward.

The most common symptoms of nitrogen deficiency are the restricted growth of both tops of roots, spindly plants, small leaves which are yellowish green when young, but orange, red or purple when mature. Reduction in the number of flowers with a reduction in yield of grain and fruits and a delay in spring as the opening of bulbs and the development of leaves and flowers.

Phosphorous deficiency has the same traits as nitrogen deficiency, but the leaf color is usually a dull, bluish green with a tint of purple rather than yellow or red.

Calcium deficiency is expressed in the growing tips, in the young leaves particularly and in the roots. The young leaves are severely distorted and maybe rolled forward along the margins or curved backward toward the under surface. The edges of the leaves are irregular in form so they often appear ragged and may have thin yellowish marginal bands or show brown scorching. The roots do not develop properly.

In potatoes, the leaflets near the stem tips are very small and blanched and are rolled toward the upper surface parallel with the microbe. Tuber formation is effected and may fail to develop at all.

The effects of a deficiency vary somewhat, depending on the severity. The leaf symptoms are rather striking and variable but is different on the tips of the plant. The leaves may assume a dull bluish green color and often show some yellowing in the areas between the veins, followed by brown spots in the leaves, especially near the margins. There is also stunting of the plants with poor root grown and poor development of flowers, fruits and seeds. Magnesium is the only element which is used in the building up of chlorophyll, the green pigment which enables plants to make sugars and starches. When deficient, the leaves tend to turn yellow and assume brilliant tints and drop prematurely, first in the older leaves and then in the younger ones.

photos from www.hbci.com ~ "The Diagnosis of Mineral Deficiencies in Plants by Visual Symptoms" by Thomas Wallace, M.C., D.Sc., A.I.C. - 1943



Nitrogen deficient leaf of a potato plant. Pale green and yellow tinted, contrasted with (left) normal green leaf with ample nitrogen supply.



Phosphorus deficient potato plant. Leaflets, lustreless green, marginal scorch and forward curling of margins.



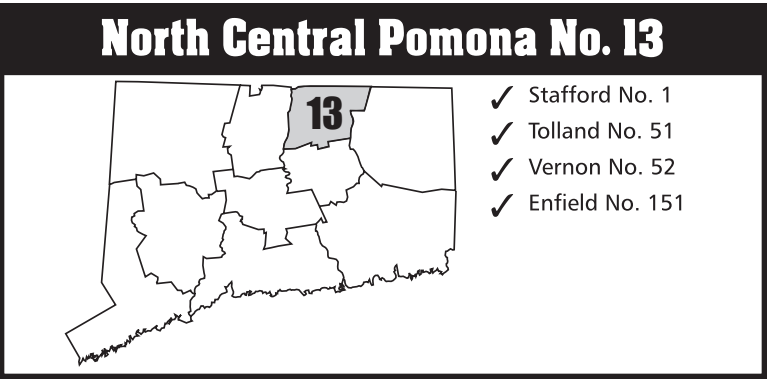
Calcium deficient potato plants. Acute condition. Shoots become thin; leaflets of terminal leaves small, margins chlorotic, incurled and may develop faint pink tints or necrotic brown spots or scorch; tips of leaflets die.



Top: calcium omitted, tubers dwarfed and useless; Bottom: complete mineral nutrient, tubers normal.

Attention All Gardeners

Gardeners, Come to Granby Grange Hall, 212 N. Granby road, Granby CT 06035 at 7:00 -9:00 P.M Friday June 12 to Review and discuss the local application of the CT. Experiment Station's Spring Open House presentations: "Environmentally Safe Methods for Vegetable Disease Control," Dr. Wade H. Elmer, and "Identifying and Managing Weeds in the Garden," Dr. Todd L. Mervosh. Light refreshments will be served.



N. CENTRAL POMONA #13
Corr: J. Jordan
June 11: Election of Officers

The June meeting of North Central Pomona will be held as guests of Tolland Grange No. 51. Elections of officers will be the topic of the evening. The monthly auction will be the responsibility of Stafford Grange No. 1. Hopefully everyone is thinking about what chair he or she wishes to fill for the coming year.

STAFFORD GRANGE #1
Corr: Edward J. Festi

We met on April 21. We had the sad duty of draping our charter in loving memory of our Secretary Maude Emhoff. A good and faithful servant Maude had been secretary for a number of years. She passed away suddenly on March 21st leaving us with a big pair of shoes to fill. We also lost Golden Sheaf member Edna Bidorini who had been a Past Chaplain and Past Ceres. The Charter was draped for her at our March meeting.

Our Lecturer's program was a slide presentation on wildflowers by Dr. Deborah Lee from Woodland Trails Wildflower Nursery of Eastford, CT.

We learned about the habitat of wildflowers, where they can be planted as to sun, shade, dry or wet areas. Wild flowers attract bees.

On Sat., May 2, we put on the four degrees. We did this with our members and help from other Granges. Our May 19th was our usual Memorial program to honor members who passed away during

the year. We were also inspected by our Pomona Deputy Irene Percoski.

Our June 16th meeting is to be announced.

TOLLAND GRANGE #51
Corr: J. Jordan

June 2: The F's Have It
Summer is getting closer but you could fool me. It is 50 outside as I write this column. I really thought spring had arrived, oh well.

Join us on the 2nd of June and learn about F's.

The winner of our CWA baking contest was Bernice West. Congratulations!!!

VERNON GRANGE #52
Corr: Nancy Strong

Vernon had a nice visit from our Deputy, Irene Percoski, at our last meeting and we are doing well as a Grange! Our next meeting will be election of officers. Will the new officers be a surprise?

ENFIELD GRANGE #151
Corr: Irene Percoski

June 13: This Is My Country, Ref. Brian & Joe

July 9: Pizza Party, 12 Noon

The month of April found us back in our hall and it was great to be there. Our program took us beyond the stars, hoping to spread the Grange word. By the time this article is printed we will have had our evaluation and hope to get a good review.

Our teen fund is growing nicely and pajama bags are being filled. Keep up the good work. In June we salute America, please wear patriotic colors. Get well wishes go out to Louise Kamay, we miss you.

National Grange pushes for passage of Right to Repair Act

The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act, HR 2057, was reintroduced into the 111th Congress on April 22, 2009. This legislation allows consumers to continue to choose where they have their vehicles repaired.

Background
Vehicles that are 1994 and newer (and some earlier models) are equipped with computers that control the repair and service information on most of the vehicles' systems, including, but not limited to: air bags, brakes, emissions (check engine light), tire pressure, oil changes, electronics, ignition systems and keys, and transmissions. In many cases, the only way for motorists to have these systems repaired is to return to the new car dealership.

HR 2057, known as the Right to Repair Act, goes to the heart of American property rights and ownership. When motorists purchase their vehicles, they should have the right to own their vehicles' electronic, diagnostic, and repair information so that they can make affordable and convenient repair choices, whether that choice is an independent repair shop or a car dealership. As vehicles become more and more computerized, soon consumers will be very limited on repair options. In some cases, they will be forced to take the vehicles back to the new car dealerships even when their vehicles are out-of-warranty.

U.S. Representative Edolphus Towns (D-NY), the lead Right to Repair sponsor, stated, "By guaranteeing access to vehicle repair information, we can empower consumers and give them the opportunity to choose where, how, and by whom to have their vehicles repaired. We reintroduced The Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act so Brooklynites can have the option of self-servicing their vehicle, or the freedom to use an automotive independent repair shop or a car dealership to meet their auto needs."

Joining Rep. Towns as original sponsors are Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and George Miller (D-CA). Rep. Towns is the Chairman of the Government Management, Organization and Procurement Committee and serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee. Representative Eshoo is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and Rep. Miller is Chairman of the Education and Labor Committee.

The Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association (AAIA) conducted a 'first-of-its-kind' study, which illustrated the enormous cost-benefit to consumers when their vehicles are repaired in the independent repair industry. The study clearly showed that repairs conducted at new car dealerships cost consumers on average 34 percent more than at the independent repair shops, resulting in \$11.7 billion in excess costs annually. Los Angeles consumers pay as much as 46.8 percent more at new car dealerships for repairs. The Right to Repair Act will help all of America's motoring consumers.

With dealerships closing at unprecedented rates, the ability for consumers to obtain convenient and affordable repairs from their local independent vehicle repair shops is more important than ever. The Right to Repair legislation ensures that independent shops have access to the most up-to-date information, tools, and software so that they can continue to maintain and repair their customers' late model vehicles.

Five million people in the United States work in the automotive aftermarket (independent repair industry) in over 495,000 locations nationwide, including "mom and pop" shops. The aftermarket is a large segment of the nation's economy and for more than 100 years has helped consumer find affordable and efficient ways to repair their vehicles.

A broad coalition of consumer oriented and small business groups support passage of the Right to Repair Act, among them the National Grange, the American Automobile Association (AAA), the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), RetireSafe (represents 400,000 seniors nationwide), the Tire Industry Association (TIA), and 60s Plus Seniors.

The Right to Repair Act, HR 2057, is in the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. Information on the legislation can be found on: www.righttorepair.org.

Bill Highlights
The intent of HR 2057 is to protect the rights of consumers to diagnose, service, maintain, and repair their motor vehicles. If passed, the legislation would require:

- The manufacturer of a motor vehicle to provide the owner and service providers all information to diagnose, service, maintain, or repair the motor vehicle. This information must include safety alerts, recalls, service bulletins, and the need for adjustments to maintain vehicle efficiency, safety, and convenience. The information would also have to include anything provided to new car dealers to diagnose, service, maintain, repair, activate, certify, or install any motor vehicle equipment (including replacement parts and equipment) in a motor vehicle.

- The manufacturer of a motor vehicle to offer for sale to the owner and to all service providers on a reasonable and non-discriminatory basis, any tool for the diagnosis, service, maintenance, or repair of a motor vehicle, and provide all information that enables aftermarket tool companies to manufacture tools with the same functional characteristics as those tools made available by the manufacturers to authorized dealers.
- The manufacturer of a motor vehicle must offer for sale to owners, and to all service providers on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms, all equipment for diagnosis, service, maintenance, or repair of a motor vehicle.

Grange Policy
At the 142nd Annual Convention of the National Grange held last November in Cromwell, Connecticut, grassroots Grange delegates from across the nation reaffirmed the following policy on Right-to-Repair:
"The National Grange supports legislation that allows independent vehicle maintenance facilities or car dealership garages to have access to the technology programming needed to repair all makes and models of vehicles so that the customer has a choice of where to take their vehicle for maintenance and repair."

Action Needed
Please e-mail your U.S. Representative urging them to co-sponsor and support HR 2057 and comparable legislation in the Senate.

Chaplain's Message



Amy Whitcomb
State Chaplain
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This month surely finds us planning our summer and looking forward to many outdoor activities. When we give or express life we increase our capacity for living. When we express wisdom, we grow wiser. When we love, we increase

our consciousness of love. When we are joyous, we increase our joy. When we exercise our strength, we grow stronger. Our labors and our experiences in the material world should help us to increase our inner, spiritual resources. These include life, love, wisdom, strength and other attributes of the spiritual person. They grow and expand by proper use, which proper use is the pouring-out process.

Spiritual riches have been given to every man and woman by our God, abundantly; and as we prayerfully pour out these gifts, even though at first they seem to be small, they will surely become great through faith and work. Their possible greatness will only be limited by capacity of the vessels we have provided to hold them.

We can discover the limitless nature of the blessings that God has given us when we draw freely upon them by pouring them out. We can pour them out with such faith and love that we shall inspire others with the desire to pass their blessings along also.

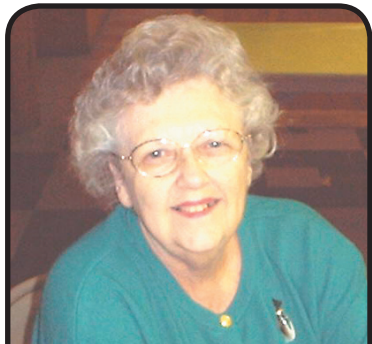
These gifts of God are limited only by a person's capacity to express them or pour them out. We can supply our needs for other things by first drawing on the oil of Spirit from within. This in turn will bring the money that we need. The one who learns to pour out this inner substance which God has given them will lack for no good thing in the world.

Let us not despair because we may seem to have little to draw upon.

Rather let us look within and rejoice in the abundance that God has given us in Spirit, and then let us fearlessly give forth what we find in our house.

Let me close by reminding you of the Grange Sunday Service in Glastonbury at Good Will Grange Hall, 43 Naubuc Ave., on June 14th at 11:00 A.M. Wishing you a wonderful summer!

How are your entries?



Betty Jane Gardiner
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Anne-Marie Knochenhauer,
Member State W.A.

It seem the year has gone so fast and before we know it is "Let's Celebrate" day. I hope everyone is finishing up on your projects on time to enter the CWA contest.

Just a reminder; don't forget all entries must

have your name, the Grange it is from. With the baking and craft contest we would appreciate if you would put on your entry weather it is a junior or adult entry.

Betty Jane is still looking for recipes for the Eastern States Grange Recipe book. She needs recipe for soup, salads, and appetizers.

In Memoriam

Girard "Jerry" Lemieux, G.S.

Winchester Grange #74

Mary Bell, G.S.

Hemlock Grange #182

G.S. denotes Golden Sheaf (50 Year) Members

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Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on
page 2 of this issue. Thank you.*

Junior Grange Corner



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I hope all of you are enjoying this up and down weather that we are having. I hope that by the time you read this, the weather decides to stay nice and warm. Hopefully, not too warm. I am looking forward to seeing the entries for the "Big E" contest, a collage of pictures with a theme on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. It can be pictures

from a magazine or photos or some of each. The theme can be anything you desire. Please let us know what the theme is so that we can judge them properly. These will be judged on June 7, Grange Sunday at Goodwill Grange Hall.

Remember that the Drawing Contest and the Creative Writing Contest will be due at "Let's Celebrate" on July 25th. This will be held at Good Will Grange Hall also. The themes are "Your Favorite Place Outside." I am having this contest earlier this year so that I can send all the entries on to National to be judged there.

Did you see Senexet

Grange Hall as the mystery grange in last months Granger. That's my Grange. Have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

HILLSTOWN JR. GRANGE #87

Our Grangers have been busy. At their last meeting they had a deaf and a blind person with her dog. They spoke of what it means to be deaf and blind. The Grangers were impressed. They also tried their luck at bowling. Their goal is to visit UConn Farm. Next meeting will be Craft Night. They are still looking for new members for the fall.

Youth & Young Adults



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Hi everyone though it has been a month since I wrote my last article I hope that Grange Sunday will be a dry one. I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the lasagna dinner that day. The money raised will be used to help any youth that is going to the Northeast Youth Conference from Connecticut.

I have yet to receive the information for the conference that will be held in NY this year but if you let me know you are interested I will get it to you as soon as possible. I would really enjoy it if some youth would come to the conference to represent Connecticut.



National Membership/Leadership Director Rusty Hunt is shown with First Lady Margaret Sendewicz at Camp Berger and on the shore of Park Pond at Camp in April.

